



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Bradley Forest Fire Station – Hazard Tree Removal		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE's Bradley Forest Fire Station 73015 Monterey Street (Old Highway 101) Bradley, CA 93426-0028	COUNTY	Monterey
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will remove approximately 10-12 hazardous trees on the west side of the fire station property. These include 2 large gray pines and 8-10 eucalyptus trees. One of the gray pines is leaning at a 45 degree angle over the messhall and presents a serious hazard which needs to be addressed before it crashes into the building. Another leaning gray pine has recently fallen. The trees will be felled either by state employees or contractors using chain saws. The large material will be cut up and used for firewood. The limbs will be chipped and used as mulch on the property. It is anticipated that minor damage to the border fence and landscaping will result upon removal of the eucalyptus trees along the property line. The neighbors have been consulted and support the project. CAL FIRE will repair, clean up, and re-landscape the area upon tree removal and replant using native trees.

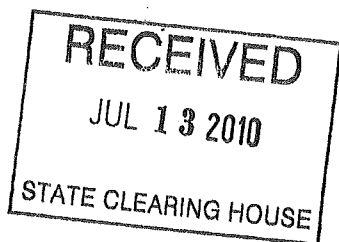
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 § 15301(h) Existing Facilities
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the Class 1 Categorical Exemption described in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Section 15301h) pertaining to maintenance of existing facilities, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Prior to reaching this conclusion, however, the Department first conducted limited environmental review to confirm that no **Exceptions** exist at the project site which would preclude the use of a Categorical Exemption. The possible exceptions that lead agencies must consider include (a) sensitive location, (b) cumulative impact, (c) significant impact due to unusual circumstances, (d) impacts to scenic highways, (e) activities within a hazardous waste site, and (f) significant adverse change to the significance of a historical resource (see CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2). This project involves removing trees on the station property which are hazards to the buildings and the station personnel, and which will have no appreciable impact on the water or the land. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impacts would occur. The Unit Forester determined these are not timber operations; the project is not subject to the provisions of the Forest Practice Rules, and no timber harvesting document is required. Documentation on the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's San Benito-Monterey Unit Headquarters.

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